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ANNOUNCEMENT

AS OF THIS SATURDAY, MARCH 28, 1981, THREE MONTHS HAVE PASSED SINCE AMERICAN CITIZEN JOHN J. SULLIVAN, JR. DISAPPEARED IN EL SALVADOR. MR. SULLIVAN, A FREE LANCE JOURNALIST SENT TO EL SALVADOR BY HUSTLER MAGAZINE, HAS NOT BEEN SEEN OR HEARD FROM SINCE THE EVENING OF HIS ARRIVAL IN SAN SALVADOR, SUNDAY, DEC. 28. EXTENSIVE EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE, THE AMERICAN EMBASSY IN SAN SALVADOR AND THE SALVADORAN AUTHORITES HAVE BEEN UNSUCCESSFUL TO DATE IN LOCATING HIM OR SHEDDING ANY LIGHT ON HIS DISAPPEARANCE.

OUR EMBASSY REMAINS IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH SALVADORAN AUTHORITIES REGARDING THEIR ONGOING INVESTIGATION OF MR. SULLIVAN'S DISAPPEARANCE AND WE HAVE EXPRESSED OUR CONCERN OVER HIS WELFARE AND WHEREABOUT TO THE GOVERNMENT OF EL SALVADOR AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS. WE ARE ALSO IN DAILY COMMUNICATION WITH MEMBERS OF THE SULLIVAN FAMILY AS A PART OF OUR EFFORTS TO KEEP THEM FULLY AWARE OF ANY NEW DEVELOPMENTS ON THE SALVADORAN INVESTIGATIONS INTO HIS TRAGIC DISAPPEARANCE.

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